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1. IN MEETING WITH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL APRIL 13, AND, IN ADDITION TO A NUMBER OF OTHER SUBJECTS BEING REPORTED SEPTELS, I RAISED THE SUBJECT OF MISSING AMERICANS AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. I GAVE HIM A LIST OF THE NAMES OF FIVE MISSING PERSONS AND SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAD INTENDED TO RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON BUT WAS UNABLE TO DO SO IN THE PREDA OF THEIR CONTUALLY HETIC SCHEDULES. I EXPLAINED THE BACKGROUND OF THIS SITUATION, NOTING EARLIER GOT EFFORTS ON THIS SUBJECT BUT ASKING THAT A FURTHER EFFORT BE MADE BECAUSE OF THE GREAT AND UNDERSTANDABLE

CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE FAMILIES INVOLVED.

2. CAGLAYANGIL IMMEDIATELY, AND IN MY PRESENCE, CONFERRED WITH HIS ADVISORS ON THIS SUBJECT, ALL OF WHOM REACTED WITH CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT AND HEAT. (HAVING MADE EARLIER
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WHAT THEY CONSIDER THOROUGH SEARCHES AT OUR REQUEST, THE

TURKISH MFA AND MILITARY OFFICIALS REGARD THE CONTINUED RAISING OF THIS SUBJECT TO BE A RESULT OF A CAREFULLY CALCULATED GREEK PROPAGANDA EFFORT. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY BITTER ABOUT THE RECENT JACK ANDERSON COLUMN ABOUT KASAPIS, THE TIMING OF WHICH THEY WOULD SAY THE GREEK LOBBY ORCHESTRATED TO COINCIDE WITH AND UNDERCUT CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON.) CAGLAYANGIL WAS TOLD THAT THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) HAD INVESTIGATED THESE DISAPPEARANCES ON OUR REQUEST ON A NUMBER OF PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THAT THE TGS WAS SATISFIED THAT NONE OF THEM WERE IN TURKISH JAILS AS ALLEGED. ALSO THE TGS HAD SAID THEY COULD FIND NO TRACE OF THEM ANYWHERE, AND THE ASSUMPTION IN TURKISH OFFICIAL CIRCLES THAT THEY WERE KILLED IN THE FIGHTING, EITHER IN THE INTRA-GREEK FIGHTING AT THE TIME OF THE SAMPSON COUP OR SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE TURKISH-GREEK FIGHTING. CAGLAYANGIL'S STAFF ALSO NOTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HAD REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO REPORT NO GREEK-CYPRIOIS STILL BEING KEPT IN TURKISH JAILS.

3. OEVIK LISTENED TO THESE COMMENTS BY HIS STAFF, CAGLAYANGIL SAID HE BELIEVED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION WOULD BE FRUITFUL.

4. AS IN THE COURSE OF BRIEFING THE MINISTER THE ALLEGATION THAT THIS WOULD BE AN EXERCISE OF GREEK PROPAGANDA HAD BEEN MADE, I TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION NOTING THAT THE USG WAS NOT ACTING ON ANYONE'S PROPAGANDA BUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATE OF FIVE AMERICAN CITIZENS AND IN RESPONSE TO UNDERSTANDABLY DISTRAUGHT FAMILIES. CAGLAYANGIL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE REPEATED, HE CONTINUED TO FEEL THAT A FURTHER INVESTIGATION WOULD BE POINTLESS MACOMBER

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